

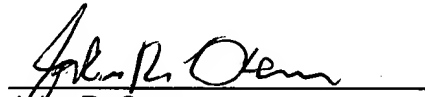
REMARKS

In the Final Action dated 15 October 2004, the Examiner indicates that claims 33-38 and 56 are allowed, but rejects all other claims. Without passing on the propriety of the rejections, Applicant is now canceling all the rejected claims. As such, only claims 33-38, 56 remain in the case at this time. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the case is in condition for allowance per the Examiner's statement in the Final Action dated 15 October 2004.

However, if any additional issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned so that such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Owen", is written over a horizontal line.

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